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SUBJ: NEW WILDLIFE IMPORT REGULATIONS

1. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE OF MAY 25 CARRIED UPI STORY ENTITLED "U.S. WILL RESTRICT WILDLIFE IMPORTS". CENTRAL PARAGRAPH OF BRIEF STORY STATES "BEGINNING MONDAY, THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WILL REQUIRE PERMITS FOR IVORY, FURS, MONKEYS, CROCODILE-7, PRODUCTS, SNAKES, LIZARDS, AND SEA-TURTLES. THE SHIPMENTS MUST HAVE A STATEMENT OF ORIGIN BY WILDLIFE OFFICIALS IN THE ANIMAL'S OR PLANT'S NATIVE COUNTRY." POST IS CERTAIN TO RECEIVE MANY INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS ITEM FROM TOURISTS WISHING TO TAKE ANIMAL CURIOS BACK TO U.S., AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER DETAILS.

2. WE NOTE THAT IVORY IMPORTS INTO U.S. WERE PREVIOUSLY NOT RESTRICTED, AS AFRICAN ELEPHANT DID NOT APPEAR ON ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST. ON THE OTHER HAND, MANY SPECIES OF CROCODILE AND MONKEY WERE ON THAT LIST, AND ACCORDING TO POST'S UNDERSTANDING OF APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, THESE COULD NOT BE IMPORTED. ARTICLE SUGGESTS CROCODILE SKIN ITEMS MAY NOW BE PERMITTED ENTRY. IT IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR WHETHER DEPT. OF INTERIOR "PERMIT" IS SEPARATE DOCUMENT FROM "STATEMENT OF ORIGIN", OR IF PERMIT IS ISSUED ON BASIS OF STATEMENT. POST WILL APPRECIATE DETAILS OF HOW "PERMIT" IS TO BE APPLIED FOR.

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3. ENTIRE PICTURE OF LEGAL SALES OF ANIMAL CURIOS IN KENYA IS NOW CLOUDED BY LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT BANNING HUNTING. LOGIC WOULD INDICATE THAT ONCE DEALERS' PRESENT STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED, NO LEGAL REPLACEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS ARISING FROM HUNTING BAN HAVE YET TO BE CLARIFIED BY KENYA GOVERNMENT, AND MUCH DEBATE APPEARS LIKELY.

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